

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said inhibitor is administered systemically.

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11. (amended) A method of preventing development of atherosclerosis in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an inhibitor of a cysteine protease.

12. (amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said subject is at risk of developing atherosclerosis.

13. (amended) A method of treating atherosclerosis in a subject, comprising administering to said subject transforming growth factor beta.

14. (amended) A method of preventing development of a atherosclerosis in a subject, comprising administering to said subject transforming growth factor beta.

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